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SUBJECT: INDO-U.S. JOINT COMMISSION

REF: STATE 185262

1. WE APPRECIATE YOU KEEPING US INFORMED ON DISCUSSIONS ON THE JOINT COMMISSION. YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED THAT, AS FAR AS WE KNOW, LITTLE OF THE WORK ON THE JOINT COMMISSION, ESPECIALLY THE ECONOMIC-TRADE ASPECTS, HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED BY MEA WITH OTHER MINISTRIES.

2. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL TAKE THE NEXT POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOCK DOWN THE PROPOSAL TO SPLIT "ECONOMICS" FROM TRADE. THIS DISTINCTION DOESN'T MAKE SENSE SINCE THE CORE OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS IS TRADE AND INVESTMENT, ASSUMING (AS WE DO) THAT AID WILL NOT PRIMARILY BE HANDLED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION. WE FEAR
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THAT A GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT "ECONOMICS " SUBCOMMISSION WOULD

ONLY TEND TO REINFORCE THE INDIAN BELIEF THAT THE USG CAN DIRECT
US PRIVATE FIRMS TO
DO THINGS THAT THE INDIANS WANT AND THAT
IT IS ONLY USG UNWILLINGNESS TO RESPOND TO INDIAN INITIATIVES
THAT PREVENTS RESULTS; AS WELL AS THAT AID, DEBT RELIEF, FOOD,
ETC. WILL BE CENTRAL TO OUR ECONOMIC RELATIONS. OFFSHORE OIL
AND OIL DRILLING RIGS REQUESTS ARE ONLY TWO EXAMPLES OF THIS
MISCONCEPTION.

3. WE SUGGEST THAT YOU URGE THE INDIAN EMBASSY TO WORK WITHIN
THE CONTEXT OF A TRADE AND INVESTMENT SUBCOMMISSION, (PERHAPS
CALL IT AN ECONOMICS, TRADE AND INVESTMENT SUBCOMMISSION) DRAW-
ING ON PRIVATE AS WELL AS GOVERNMENTAL MEMBERSHIP. OUR IDEAS
ON COMPOSITION AND SPECIFIC SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED BY THE SUB-
COMMISSION ARE CONTAINED IN LANDE'S LETTER OF AUGUST 16, 1974
TO KUX.
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